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This time it is an American holiday, Decoration Day. We came to town for lunch, and had Derek and Anita Lang (formerly Anita McLean) for lunch. They had just arrived from the Balearic Isles, where they described life as being ideal.

E. and I toured the left bank.

Later, Jean Monnet, Jacques Van Helmont, Hervé Alphand, and Tommy came to the house. We were all enchanted over Mollet's victory at the Socialist Congress, and think every effort must be made to capitalize on the momentum engendered by it to set the EDC in motion again toward a vote in the French Parliament.

This is Hervé's forty-seventh birthday, and he was in fine spirits. Jean had seen President Coty today and described him as "sound" on the EDC. There will be another debate on Indo-China, commencing tomorrow, in the National Assembly. As a result, the Cabinet may fall, but we are resolved to do everything possible, even in that event, to induce a vote on EDC, favorable or unfavorable, before the summer parliamentary vacations. We discussed at length the protocols and the Saar agreement. Jean had today seen Pinay, who is sick abed with jaundice, and Pinay favors precipitating a debate without awaiting the outcome of Geneva.

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